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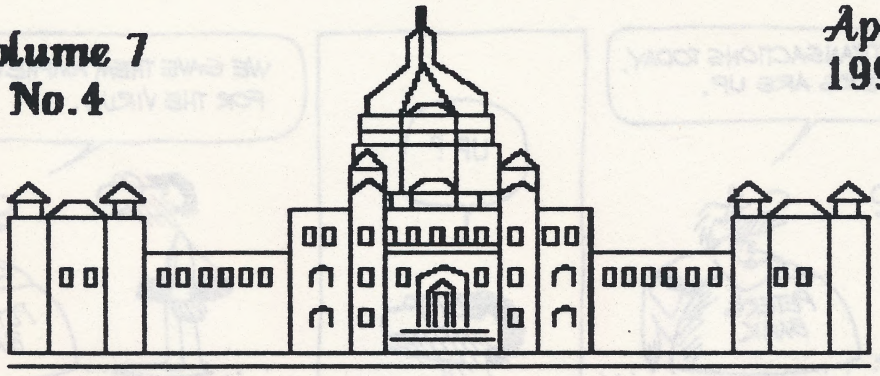

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NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 5, 1990
TIME: Doors open at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 **sharp!**
PLACE: **Richmond Elementary School**
(Main entrance, turn right, upstairs, north wing)
2780 Richmond Road.

Parking is available on site or on the North side of Townley St. Please note that we must be out by 10 p.m.

(Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month from September through to June.)

MEETING FORMAT:

- Group Business
- Questions & Answers/Open Discussion
- Main Theme: Video Graphics
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

This month Allen McCracken will give a demo on video graphics. Allen may have found someone with a video camera, but if one of our members has one, could he/she let Allen know before Thursday.

EDITORIAL

The following letter appeared in a recent issue of **A2-Central** so I thought it might be a good idea to include it in this newsletter. All Apple II users should get behind the movement to put pressure on Apple Computer to support the II series.

February 1, 1990

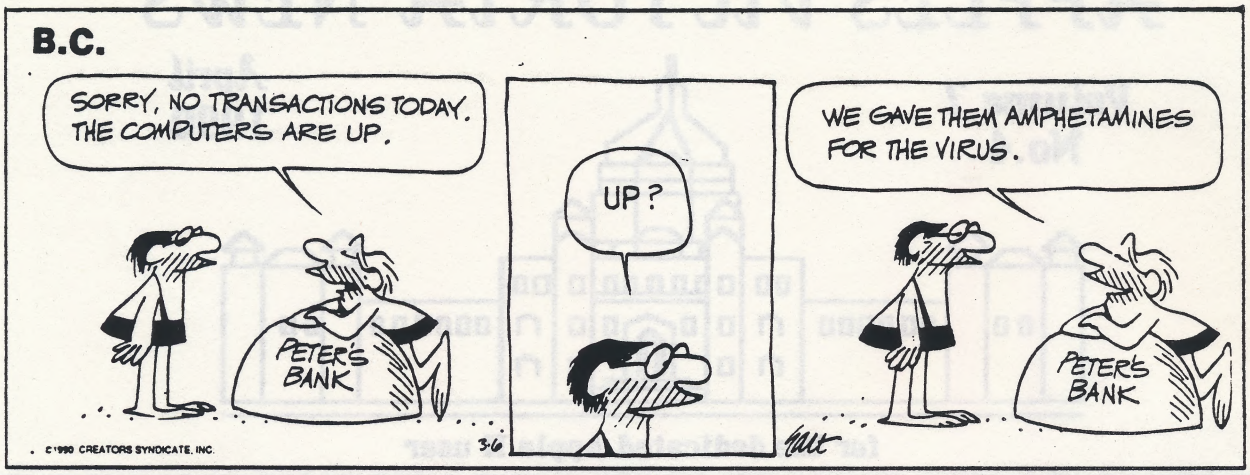
To the Members of the Apple II Community:

This year could mark a historic turning point for the Apple II... if you help. We are asking you to voice your support for the Apple II, to convince Apple Computer that the Apple II is worth further investment.

Despite all the rumors regarding its imminent death, the Apple II remains with us, alive and improving. The Apple II community has, in many respects, been thrust backward into the days of semi-obscurity and grassroots survival... however, Apple Computer is currently revitalizing its Apple II marketing and development strategies. With this effort comes the hope of a grand rebirth for the Apple II platform.

II Infinitum is a letter-writing campaign encouraging members of the Apple II community to speak out now! We want you to write not only to John Sculley at Apple Computer, Inc., but also to the Wall Street Journal. We hope that if the Journal receives enough letters, they will be motivated to publish an article on our efforts. This will allow us to then reach Apple stockholders, who have the clout that we need to support our efforts.

In addition, we urge you to distribute this letter to



other members of the Apple II community, so that even more voices will be added to this cause. Listed on the following page are some guidelines that we recommend using when writing your letter. The addresses of John Sculley and the Wall Street Journal, as well as others we encourage you to contact, are listed after that.

Please take this opportunity to support the Apple II... only by combining our efforts can we achieve success.

Apple II Forever!
II Infinitum

Recommended Guidelines:

- Keep your letter businesslike and to the point - no more than one neatly typed or laser-printed page if possible.

- Avoid form letters or petitions; individual, personal letters have a much greater impact. Of course, you can write a single letter, then personalize it for each person you send it to.

- Include relevant personal information: perhaps discuss how long you have used the Apple II, the types of applications you use now or would like to use in the future, the direction you would like to see Apple take in developing, marketing and supporting the line, etc.

- Avoid negative or derogatory remarks. Focus on the positive and look toward the future.

- Be sure to close your letters by thanking the reader for his time.

- Mail your letters in a standard legal-size envelope which looks businesslike.

- Mail your letters with a return receipt requested if you can afford it.

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The following are individuals at Apple Computer, Inc. to whom you may consider writing for greater effect (Write to them at the same address as John Sculley.):

- Michael H. Spindler, Senior VP and President, Apple USA
- Bernard Gifford, Vice President, Education, Apple USA
- Jean-Louis Gassee, Senior Vice President and President, Apple Products
- Randall S. Battat, Vice President, Product Marketing, Apple Products
- David Hancock, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Apple USA
- Morris Taradalsky, Vice President, Customer Service and Information Technology, Apple USA
- Ian Diery, Senior Vice President, and President, Apple Pacific

NOTES FROM THE MARCH 1 MEETING

Robin opened the meeting by announcing that Norm had stepped down as president and wouldn't be attending meetings for a while for personal reasons. With the position vacant, he asked for volunteers without response.

The computer show held at the Convention Centre in late February was a disappointment to some. The size of the show was much smaller than last year, occupying just the upstairs level. As usual there was very little Apple II content.

The latest issue of the "Computer Paper" published in Vancouver has a good article on power protection (look for it at most of the computer stores). The "Computer User" has hard drive reviews this month. CALL Apple is now out of business, and Nibble has taken over their outstanding subscriptions.

If you need to transfer files between MS DOS and Apple II computers, there is now a new version of Crossworks available that supports AppleWorks 3. This software and cable package lists for $99.95; an upgrade costs $20.00.

Demo

Syd Langheld gave an excellent tutorial on the basics of using the AppleWorks word processor module. Word processors are rapidly replacing the typewriter as the tool of choice for anyone who writes. Initially word processors were electronic machines with dedicated memory (the program was built in). Now, a large variety of word processing software is available for use on most types of computers. AppleWorks is the most popular word processing program for the Apple IIs. Word processors are so valuable because they allow you to edit and re-format your text on screen without having to retype it if you want to correct mistakes or make changes. You are also able to save your text to disk for later retrieval. Most word processors have a "word wrap around" feature where the program knows when you reach the end of a line and automatically continues your typing on the next line. You do not need to press the (carriage) return key at the end of every line, just at the end of each paragraph.

Pam had been busy the last couple of weeks preparing enough data disks so that everyone could have hands-on experience during the meeting. Syd had prepared a data file on "Alice the Camel" which everyone loaded onto the desktop. He then showed us how to work with the information already in the file - we copied, moved, deleted and replaced parts of the text. If beginners aren't familiar with the command keys, pressing the Open Apple and ? keys simultaneously will get you the help menu. The Esc key is very useful for backing out or any option or menu level.

After perfecting the contents of your documents, you then need to format it. Syd showed us how to reset margins, center headings, and change the style of selected text to bold or underline using the Options command. Appleworks hides the majority of its formatting commands. By using the Zoom command you can see all the formatting and printing commands as well as hidden characters like the carriage return. However some formatting characters like the underline and bold ^ markers remain on screen even when the zoom is inactive. Position your cursor under these markers and the bottom line of your screen will indicate its meaning. If you want to keep a paper record of the formatting commands that you've used in a document, zoom in so the commands are showing, turn on your printer and press OA-H. This will dump the contents of your screen to your printer. This is known as the "hard copy" command, and lets you make a "hard" copy of any screen on paper, including any of the menu or help screens.

An extremely worthwhile tip is to format your document from the bottom up. This saves you a lot of time, especially on long documents, as most word processors format from the cursor position down, stopping only when it reaches another appropriate formatting command. Think what would happen if you wanted to center the top heading, and entered the centering command first at the top of the page. The computer would naturally center all of your document if no other commands had been inserted. You would then have to enter the justify command under the heading and wait for the bulk of your document to be rejustified. If you had reversed the process and justified the body of the text first, the centering command would act only on the heading.

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If you have a long document and need to move about it quicker than the arrow keys will let you, try the other cursor moving commands. Using the Open Apple (OA) key with the up and down arrows moves you one screen at a time. OA and the right and left arrows moves you one word at a time. OA-1 gets you to the beginning and OA-9 gets you to the end of your document. The other numbers can be used to get anywhere else in between.

If you need to use the same file more than once, making changes with each use, use your first version as a template. Each time you reload it, you should change the name of the file before making any changes. This prevents you from overwriting the original file on disk. As an added precaution you can lock the template file, but this must be done at the DOS prompt or using a disk utility program like Copy II+.

AppleWorks allows you to have more than one file open on the desktop at a time. Use the "quick pick" command OA-Q to switch quickly between files on the desktop. You can easily move or copy information from one file to another via the clipboard. Just follow the prompts when you use the copy or move commands.

Minutes from the Executive Meeting - March 15, 1990

Present: Robin Farquhar, Ron Dyck, Bill Weldon, Gary Peterman, Claudia Boorman, Pam Richardson, Dave Barlow.

Old Business:

1. Incorporation as a Society: we have received a copy of Apples B.C.'s bylaws to use as a guideline. Copies of this will be made for the executive.

2. Apple Canada User Group letter: this letter, which relates to Apple's User Group support, or lack of same, is still "in the works".

New Business:

1. Next meeting's agenda: Allen McCracken will be contacted by Claudia regarding a demo of his video graphics program. If Allen is unavailable, Gary Peterman will demonstrate CrossWorks. Topics for future meetings were also discussed.

2. Impact (Computers in Education) Conference: this conference has been cancelled for this year at least. If you feel it was worthwhile (even just for the chance to buy software at the display tables, and meet some of the Apple Canada reps) please take the time to let the conference organizers know. Write to: Dr. Walter Muir, Impact Conference, University of Victoria, Faculty of Education, McLaurin Building, Victoria, B.C. While there will be a conference of C.U.E. (Computer Users in Education) - B.C. in Vancouver in November, this was the one event on the Island where we were sure to see plenty of Apple II's in evidence.

Correspondence: Our club N.A.U.G. subscription expires soon- Dave Barlow will handle the renewal.

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest member

Gordon Jones 592-1948

We are holding our own with 40 members.

Are You Active?

Are you an active member,
the knd that would be missed,
Or are you just content
that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the crowd
Or would you rather stay at home
and complain both long and loud?
Do you give a little time
and help make things tick
Or leave the work to just a few
and talk about the "clique"?
There's quite a program scheduled
that means success if done
And it can be accomplished
with the help of everyone.
So come to all the meetings
and help with hand or heart;
Don't just be another member
but take an active part.
Think it over member,
are you right or wrong
Are you an active member
or do you just belong?

- Author Unknown
(reprinted from The WRAM Newsletter, 3/90

DISK LIBRARY UPDATE

- Ron Dyck

Several new disks will be added to the disk library at the April meeting.

132 **ADVENTURE** - this is an Apple II version of the original computer adventure game. Explore a cavern, and find treasure.

133 **MONOPOLY 2.0** - a nicely done version of the Parker Bros. board game for 2 to 4 players. (requires a //c, //gs or //e)

134 **GROUP LOTO PROGRAM** - this program will keep the records for groups who run a Loto 6/49 pool.

135 **YO YO DUCK DIAGNOSTICS** - (shareware) These programs will check out many parts of you system including monitor, keyboard, memory cards, joystick etc (some tests will not work on a II or II+)

136 **KIETH'S GOODIES** - this disk contains a mixture of games, utilities and demos written

by Keith Falkner of LOGIC.

BITS 'N PIECES

Norm McLeod has a IIGS System and a IIc+ system with 1 Meg RAM for sale. Anyone interested should give him a call at 383-4677.

A COPY II+ PATCH

- Ron Dyck

The November 1988 issue of **SCARLET** (the newsletter of the Big Red Computor Club) contains an interesting article written by Bob Sander-Cedarlof describing a bug that he discovered in the Copy II+ disk utility program. This bug causes //e users to be asked if they want 40 or 80 column displays. The article also includes the following patch that he wrote to eliminate this problem. This patch works for versions 7 & 8 of Copy II+.

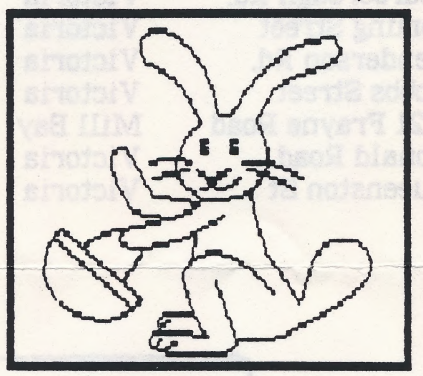
patch $2390: A2 FF 29 02 D0 5C F0 59
was $2390: 29 C8 C9 88 F0 54 AD 60

The patch can be made by loading the UTIL.SYSTEM file into memory, makeing the above changes using the monitor and then saveing the file back to disk as suggested in the article. A far easier method, in my opinion, is to use the Copy II+ sector editor (part of the Bit Copy program) to make the changes directly on the disk (a backup copy, not your original). Use the Scan for bytes option to locate the string of bytes marked "was" above. Use the editor to change them to the bytes in the line above and then write that sector back to the disk.

BOOK LIBRARY

Our Library has received the following:

- 5 audio cassettes on AppleWorks: Beyond the Basics
- The AppleWorks Handbook, Vol.II (publ.by NAUG)
- The Ultramacros Primer



NEWS

The March issue of the Atlanta Area Apple Users Group Newsletter has an interesting article on transferring graphics between Apple II and Macintosh computers. It is Part I of a three-part series.

Atom's Apple (Space Coast Apple Users Group), Feb. 90, has an article about the danger of cleaning your monitor screen with commercial cleaners, presumably those containing isopropyl alcohol. Apparently, an employee of the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA, used a commercial spray cleaner. When he went to wipe it off, a static spark from his finger set the computer on fire. The boss apparently doubted his story and checked out the procedure on other personal computers. Two of eight caught fire. The Naval Weapons Center now recommends using the spray before the machine is turned on and grounding oneself before touching the screen.

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A better recommendation would be to clean the screen with a cloth or tissue dampened with water and a drop of dish washing detergent. The detergent leaves an invisible film that is electrically conductive and which helps drain off static charge and minimizes the attraction of dust.

The February issue of The WRAM Newsletter contains an interesting article by Phil Albro on Packed Files.

For GS owners, a couple of quickies from Apples B.C. News, 3/90:

- Try holding down the Option and Shift keys while clicking on About the Finder (the little red apple at the upper left). If you are a bit of a contortionist, the same effect can be had by pressing simultaneously Control-Open Apple-Option-Shift-2. Then click on each of the icons and anywhere in the upper half of the box.

- Open up the Control Panel (by the pull-down menu) and click on "v.1.0" beside "help" at the bottom.

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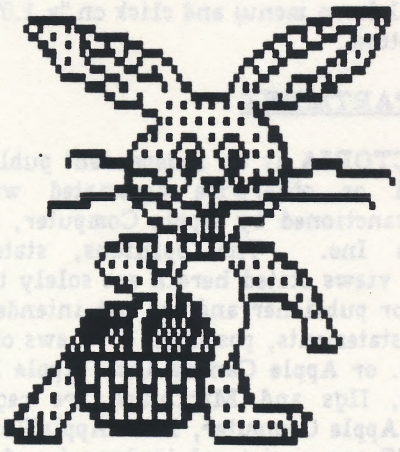

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